

Man accused of killing deputy pleads not guilty to capital murder



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Joseph Michael Rohrbacker, 31, on Tuesday pleaded not guilty of capital murder in the Feb. 1 shooting death of Hancock Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Michael Boutte.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Joseph Michael Rohrbacker — the man accused of the Feb. 1 shooting death of Hancock County Sheriff's Lt. Michael Boutte — on Tuesday pled not guilty to one count of capital murder, one count of aggravated assault and one count of aggravated assault against a police officer.

Rohrbacker, 31, entered his pleas before Judge Lisa P. Dodson in Hancock Circuit Court on Tuesday morning after Assistant District Attorney Chris Daniel read the charges one by one.

According to Count One, Daniel said, Rohrbacker is accused of

“feloniously and without the authority of law killing and murdering Michael Boutte, who was employed as a law enforcement officer with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.”

On Count Two, Daniel said, Rohrbacker was charged with aggravated assault for firing a shotgun at a person. On Count Three, he was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer for firing a shotgun directly at Sheriff's Deputy Braxton Manuel.

Dodson accepted a motion from Rohrbacker's attorney Frank P. Wittmann to have a psy-

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Renovations at Bay's MLK Park begin



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Bay St. Louis officials, residents, volunteers and members of the Hancock County NAACP on Thursday officially break ground on the new splash pad at Martin Luther King Park.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Bay St. Louis city officials, volunteers and residents last week conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited splash pad

at Martin Luther King Park.

“This is a most welcome enterprise and endeavor,” long-time Bay resident and retired educator Willie Acker said before the ceremony

Thursday. “For many years, we have worked and now finally we are blessed with the opportunity

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MS Ethics Commission fines Bay councilman for violation of Open Meetings Act

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Mississippi Ethics Commission last week reportedly levied a \$500 fine on Bay St. Louis City Councilman-at-Large Gary Knoblock for what it determined was a violation of the Open Meetings Act, although Knoblock said this week he has yet to be notified of it.

According to a letter addressed to the Bay St. Louis attorney from the Ethics Commission dated Sept. 7, Andrew M. Burrell initially filed a complaint against Mayor Mike Favre and the entire Bay St. Louis City Council, alleging various members — including Knoblock — had violated the Open Meetings Act by discussing city business via email.

Acting on one of Burrell's complaints, the Ethics Commission in May determined that Ward 3 Councilman Jeffrey Reed had violated the Open



Gary Knoblock

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Gov. Reeves Extends State of Emergency for 30 Days

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Governor Tate Reeves, in coordination with State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs and MEMA Executive Director Stephen McCraney, today announced the extension of Mississippi's State of Emergency for an additional 30 days.

This extension will ease the process of marshalling

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County hosts FY '22 budget hearing

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last Monday, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors hosted a budget hearing for fiscal year 2022.

County administrator Eddie Favre said that last year's total budget

was about \$56.5 million.

This year's total proposed budget is \$76,683,820, he said, which includes road and bridge funds, debt service, and gaming funds. The county has also decided to reduce the millage rate by 3.02 mills,

from 49.010 to 45.990 mills, Favre said.

He added that the biggest reason for the reduction is that the county had just completed a reappraisal.

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Body found in BSL body identified as missing Biloxi man; his son was arrested for his murder

BY STACEY CATO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A body recovered from a Hancock County bayou on Friday evening turned out to be a missing Biloxi man, and police have arrested his son, charging him with first-degree murder.

On Thursday, the Biloxi Police Department asked the public’s assistance to locate Van Leigh Marske, 66, who had last been seen on Sept. 4. Marske’s body was found Friday afternoon in the water near the Bayou Lacroix Bridge.

Officers from both the Bay St. Louis and Biloxi police departments swarmed an empty property off Highway 603 near Bayou LaCroix Bridge on Friday afternoon.

Investigators from both departments were seen taking photos at the



The victim:
Van L. Marske

scene and bagging up evidence.

Mississippi Marine Patrol assisted at the scene with a boat.

Cody Page, Kiln resident, was traveling along the Highway Friday evening when he noticed something strange happening off the side of the road near one of his favorite fishing spots.

Page said he turned around and went back to check things out.



The suspect:
Noble Marske

“I noticed what looked to be like police unloading a body from a boat,” Page said. “I wondered what could have happened.”

Pearl River County Coroner Derek Turnage confirmed a body was found some time in the evening hours in a marsh area off Highway 603 in Bay St. Louis.

Turnage said he would not go into further details on the death, referring all



Photo by Stacey Cato

Police investigate in the area where a body was found in the water just off Hwy. 603 in Bay St. Louis on Friday evening.

requests for information to the police.

Investigators wrapped up at the scene just before 8:30 p.m.

Later on Friday, Biloxi police arrested Marske’s son, Noble V. Marske, 41, who was detained at the Harrison County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Anyone with information in the case is urged to contact the Biloxi Police Department Criminal Investigation Division (228) 435-6112, Biloxi Police Department Dis-

patch (228) 392-0641, Biloxi Police Criminal Intelligence Unit ciu@biloxi.ms.us, Mississippi Crime Stoppers (877) 787-5898, or submit a tip online at mscoastcrimestoppers.com.

Waveland hosts FY ‘22 budget hearing

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
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Last week, the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen hosted a public hearing for the proposed FY 2022 budget.

Waveland Mayor Mike Smith said that this year’s budget includes a four percent raise for all city employees, includ-

ing department heads.

City comptroller Ron Duckworth said that this year’s general fund budget totals \$7,349,260.

“We’ve been conservative in terms of our revenue projections,” he said. “The city has experienced a year-and-a-half of excellent sales tax collection, but we do not see that continuing. We also

took into consideration the reappraisal of property values for the city and that did give us some additional revenues that we are going to try and use.”

There will be no millage increases, Smith said. The board approved the proposed millage at 37.55.

The budget also in-

cludes the addition of another patrolman and additional positions in public works.

The board was expected to formally adopt the budget on Tuesday, Sept. 14 after press time.

The budget, in its entirety, can be viewed at <https://waveland.ms.gov/city-of-waveland-board-meeting/>.

CASA of Hancock County Recognized by Human Rights Campaign Foundation for LGBTQ+ Inclusion Efforts

SEA COAST ECHO

CASA of Hancock County, a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children, proudly announced that it is being recognized in 2021 Change-Makers, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s third annual report highlighting 119 child welfare agencies across the country who have worked with the

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MSDH reports seventh pediatric and increasing deaths among pregnant women due to COVID-19

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Mississippi State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs, along with State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers and senior deputy and director of the Office of Health Protection Jim Craig reported the state’s seventh pediatric death and increasing deaths among pregnant women due to COVID-19.

Dobbs said that the last month-and-a-half dealing with the delta variant has been “stressful.”

“It’s overwhelmed our health system and it’s caused a lot of unnecessary deaths,” he said. “Fortunately, we are starting to see an inflection point with somewhat of a decline in hos-

pitalizations and daily cases, but we’re seeing a pretty significant number of daily deaths. We’re still seeing thousands of numbers of cases a day and so we’re still in the thick of the delta surge.”

Dobbs said that there has been a “significant” number of pregnant women not survive COVID-19 in recent weeks.

“Currently, we are investigating eight reports of pregnant women who have died within the past several weeks, all of whom are unvaccinated,” Dobbs said. “We do know that COVID is especially problematic and dangerous for pregnant women. But we all know that it can be deadly for the baby in the womb. With COVID, we’ve seen a doubling of the

rate of fetal demise or the death of the baby in the womb after 20 weeks. It’s been a real tragedy.”

Dobbs said that the COVID vaccine is helpful and is “remarkably successful at preventing these severe outcomes in women.”

“We really want to make sure that we’re making an effort to get pregnant women protected, to get pregnant women vaccinated,” Dobbs said.

Dobbs said that if pregnant women do get COVID, they should also seek out receiving monoclonal antibody treatment.

“Vaccines and antibodies are approved and

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tunity to reinvent and renovate Martin Luther King Park.”

Acker praised the efforts of the city, the Hancock County NAACP — especially NAACP President Gregory Barabino — and community leaders like Lonnie Falgout who have worked to make the park renovations a reality.

“We love the community, we love the park, and we want to see it grow,” Acker said, “we want to see it thrive, so all people of every race and creed can enjoy the park.”

“This is just the beginning,” Falgout said Thursday, showing off a huge schematic of planned renovations and improvements at the park. “This is no longer a pipe dream. All the money we need for it is in the bank.”

Falgout said the improvements are finally becoming a reality thanks in part to a \$50,000 grant from the Lowe’s Foundation.

Falgout, executive director of the Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum and

a former BSL councilman — informed the Bay council of the grant in July.

Falgout said the park committee was formed a year ago, “and we’ve been on a mission to renovate that park ever since,” he said.

The committee works to solicit grants, such as the Lowe’s Home Grown funding, plus seeks other funding sources, including private donations and in-kind contributions.

“We’re going to install a splash pad, beautify the park, put an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-approved sidewalk in, do a memorial wall to honor people who have contributed to the park over the years, as well as several other things, including fencing, lighting and security,” he said. “We also want to do pavilions, structures and other beautification efforts.”

Falgout said the MLK Park Committee has partnered with the Points of Light Foundation and the Hands Down Foundation of New Orleans for “necessary improvements and additions.”

“On completion of this, we will donate the completely finished product to the city of Bay St. Louis, which is the actual property owner,” Falgout said.”

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chiatric evaluation performed on the defendant.

Dodson also informed Rohrbacker that Wittmann may not be able to continue as his attorney, since he has taken a job as the Harrison County public defender, but said it hasn’t yet been officially determined.

“If he can stay, he will,” she said.

Dodson set the first non-evidentiary hearing in the case for May 12, 2022, with follow-up hearings on June 17 and July 20, and an anticipated trial date of Aug. 15.

“Now that you’ve been indicted,” Dodson told the defendant, “they’ll do discovery and you can begin getting prepared.”

Rohrbacker has also been charged with three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and one count of aggravated animal cruelty.

In a preliminary hearing in March before Hancock Court Judge Trent Favre on the capital murder charge, Master Sgt. Jason Gazzo, the leader of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation’s probe into the case, testified that on the day of the shooting, Boutte and Deputy Braxton Manuel

were called to the scene as a “welfare concern” after Rohrbacker allegedly made “suicidal threats.”

“To the best of my knowledge, the defendant ... had become verbally combative with friends and family and started making suicidal threats toward himself and ... sliced the family dog’s throat,” Gazzo said.

Boutte and Braxton first stopped at Rohrbacker’s brother’s home a short distance away to get more information before proceeding to the scene, Gazzo said.

Boutte reached the scene first, he said, and “When Boutte pulled into the yard, he was immediately met by gunfire from the defendant.”

When Manuel arrived on the scene, Gazzo said, “The defendant fired a shot at deputy Manuel, striking his patrol vehicle.”

The defendant then allegedly fired a shot at a neighbor who was walking by, allowing Manuel a moment to get out of his car and grab his rifle.

Manuel ordered Rohrbacker to put down his weapon, but the defendant then pointed it back at the deputy.

“Deputy Manuel fired two rounds, striking the defendant’s abdomen,” Gazzo said.

Manuel was then able to approach Rohrbacker and kick the shotgun away, Gazzo said. However, Manuel still had to use a Taser on the the defendant to get him under control, Gazzo said.

Both Boutte and Rohrbacker were airlifted to a Louisiana hospital, where Boutte was pronounced dead.

Gazzo said Rohrbacker “stated he had attempted suicide by cop and he admitted to randomly shooting at the deputy,” but insisted that he hadn’t intended to actually kill Boutte.

In the hearing before Moran, officers testified that the Feb. 1 incident that led to the shooting began when Rohrbacker informed he had been reported to Mississippi Child Protective Services for allegedly molesting a teenage girl. That reportedly “enraged” Rohrbacker, setting off the day’s events.

Rohrbacker’s family members have said he suffers from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Since then, he has been held in custody at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center, where he is being held without bond.

If convicted in the capital murder case, Rohrbacker could face either life in prison or the death penalty.

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“If we were to simply go revenue neutral, the tax levy would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 43.3 mills, instead of the 49,” Favre said. “What we’re proposing is that we increase some of the funds by that extra two, two-and-a-half mills and still reduce it by 3 point plus mills.”

Favre said that the county also completed a countywide reappraisal of the valuation of the property within the Hancock County School District — approved by the Department of Revenue — which resulted in an increase in the assessed valuation. A millage rate of 43.020 mills would produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxation on property of the Hancock County School District that was produced in the fiscal year before the property of Hancock County was reappraised.

Last year, the HCSD had a tax levy of about 46.13 mills, Favre said.

“To be revenue neutral with them because of the same reappraisal, their millage rate would be 43.02 mills,” Favre said. “Looking at the budget request from the school district, at this point, it appears that they’re proposing an actual increase. They had a debt service fund that was completely paid off and they don’t need the revenues for this coming year and they’re also looking for an increase in revenue. At this point, it appears, rough estimate about a .36 mil increase over last year’s, so it will put it up close to the 47 range as opposed to any sort of reduction.”

The proposed general fund budget is about \$26 million, Favre said. Highlights of the budget include a three percent raise for employees; additional staff in the DA’s office, sheriff’s office, IT department, buildings and grounds, seawall fund, and animal shelter.

It also includes anticipated increases of about 10 percent for both employee health insurance and property insurance.

Capital outlay for projects include:

- Continuation of road construction program (gaming, state aid, use tax and road fund) with more than \$2 million budgeted.

- Construction of connector road with

Lakeshore Road and the Silver Slipper budgeted for \$7 million.

- Equipment purchases as requested by various departments for over \$1.5 million.

- Almost \$1 million budgeted for equipment to maintain the beach in-house.

- GOMESA and America Rescue Funds budgeted for complete beach restoration and continuation of the drainage program in the amount of \$8.6 million.

- Bridge repairs and replacements budgeted in the amount of \$1.4 million.

- Arena project budgeted for almost \$2 million.

- McLeod Park construction project of \$2.2 million to be completed.

- Repairs and renovations to all damaged buildings and shelters budgeted in the amount of \$1.15 million.

- Holding cell at the old court house budgeted in the amount of \$150,000.

During the public comment portion of the hearing, Bay St. Louis Ron Thorp asked whether the county would honor his request to spend \$15,000 on a study to explore the benefits of consolidating the Bay-Waveland and Hancock County School Districts.

Thorp said that both school districts began the new school year with a “decrease in enrollment and combined budgets of \$87- plus million.”

“BWSD on opening day had an enrollment of 1,526 students in grades K-12, that was down 131 students from last year,” he said. “Hancock County School District had an opening day enrollment of 3,792 students in grades K-12. That was down 357 students from the previous year. In the last six years between the two school districts, the student enrollment is down 997 students. Enrollments are down, budgets are up and taxpayers are paying millions of dollars in duplicity to support two districts that are equal in performance. Consolidation of the two districts frees up millions of dollars to upgrade schools, increase teacher pay, and reduce ad valorem taxes throughout Hancock County.”

Favre said that he did not include a line item in this year’s budget for the \$15,000 study.

“My recommendation to the board was to

not include it,” he said. “As much as I believe in it, I believe it needs to be looked at, I believe it needs to be done, but until we can guarantee that it’s not taking \$15,000 and throwing it in the garbage because there won’t be any consideration for it, I can’t honestly say, let’s spend the money. If we knew something was going to be done with it, I’d be the first to stand up and say let’s do it.”

Thorp said that “nothing is going to happen with these school districts with the money they’re spending until somebody puts pressure on them.”

“You are the source of pressure here in Hancock County,” he said. “And until somebody is willing to put the pressure on the school districts, we’re just going to have millions of dollars wasted each year in duplicity.”

Board president Scotty Adam said that he thinks it does make “absolute sense to go through the process which you’re talking about.”

“But unless you have the support of the people that have the authority to make it happen, you’re going to be throwing money away for nothing,” he said. “Unless you have that support from the state level, whoever has the authority to make that decision, which I would assume it’s the Mississippi Department of Education or whoever that combines school districts. Typically, they won’t or don’t get involved unless it’s a failing school district. I don’t know why, but that’s just the way they handle it.”

Thorp said that he was “disappointed.”

“I thought that maybe at least three of you would have the courage to get this ball rolling,” Thorp said.

He thanked the board for its consideration.

District 1 Supervisor Theresa Ryan said she appreciated all the information Thorp provided.

“I do not think it’s a matter of us not having the courage, because I know all of us have the courage,” she said. “I think, and I agree with Scotty, until we can get the players that can actually make it happen at the state level, I don’t think it would be a wise investment at this time.”

The board adjourned until Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. in order to adopt the budget and set the tax levy for FY 2021-2022.



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Krewe of Diamondhead Parties Like it's 1773

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The Krewe of Diamondhead recently held its first theme party celebrating the Boston Tea Party.

Members dressed in period costumes and patriotic attire. The theme party honored the current court and the theme for Mardi Gras, giving the Krewe another chance to party like its 1773.

The evening began with cocktails and mingling. Then the Krewe of Diamondhead court was introduced followed by Queen, Sarah Shafer-Parrington, and Ali'I Ho Nua the 46th Kevin Parrington. Councilman



Photo submitted
Queen Sarah Shafer-Parrington and Ali'I Ho Nua the 46th Kevin Parrington show off the Key to the City of Diamondhead.



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The Royal Court for the Krewe of Diamondhead, Duke Tim Kennedy, Maid Kelly Kennedy, Maid Stephanie Hardesty, Duke Jeff Hardesty, Queen Sarah Shafer-Parrington, Ali'I Ho Nua the 46th Kevin Parrington, Maid Tracy Sheppard and Duke Ricky Sheppard.

Ricky Sheppard presented King Kevin with the key to the City of Diamondhead.

The Krewe enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by Diamondhead Country Club and danced the night away to music provided by Frank with Carlitos Estrella.

Now the Krewe of Diamondhead will begin preparing for a new Mardi Gras season. There

will be a cocktail party on October 9 announcing the incoming court and King and Queen. You don't want to miss a minute of this new season, so be sure to mark your calendar for each event.

If you are not a member of the Krewe of Diamondhead it isn't too late to join. To make sure you don't miss out on all the fun, contact our Membership Director, Stephanie Taylor-Hardesty at sataylor1972@yahoo.com or on our Facebook page, fb.com/Krewe-Of-Diamondhead, for more information.

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OLA graduate Emily Necaise accepted to MSU School of Architecture

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Our Lady Academy (OLA) 2021 graduate, Emily Necaise has been accepted to Mississippi State University's School of Architecture for the Fall, 2021. Admission to the MSU School of Architecture is limited and highly competitive. With hundreds of applications received each year, only 26 desks are reserved for incoming freshmen. MSU's



Emily Necaise

School of Architecture

is ranked among the top programs in the country for preparing students for the workforce.

During her high school years at OLA, Emily was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Society, and the Art Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Becky and David Necaise of Bay St. Louis.



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PRCC hosts new evening application event at Hancock Campus

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Pearl River Community College recruiters will be on hand at the Hancock Campus at the end of the month to help future Wildcats take their first step into college. This event is open to anyone wanting to become a student at PRCC.

Hancock County Campus' Application Day will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 4-6 p.m.. The Hancock Campus is located at 454 Hwy 90, Suite D in Waveland.

"The Office of Recruitment is excited to host Application Day on our Hancock County Campus. Our institution listened to the needs of our future Wildcats and we're hoping to accommodate more potential students by holding this event during the evening hours; after school, work, and other obligations," said Coordinator of Recruitment and Marketing Kari Eve Valence.

Future Wildcats will receive help with the enrollment process for Spring or Fall 2022 admission dates. This includes one-on-one help filling out the online admissions application. Housing applications can also be done at this time.

Attendees will also be able to have their questions answered about aspects of college life. This includes academic programs, student activities, lecture series, tutoring and scholarship opportunities. Additionally, there will be giveaways throughout the night.

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Opinion

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Solemnity

Over the weekend, as we remembered the events of Sept. 11, 2001, I saw a lot of people toying around with the idea of making the day a national holiday.

While I do agree that it is most definitely a day to be remembered, it should be done with solemnity and reverence.

If it did become a national holiday, it would probably end up like all the others, just another day to party, consume copious amounts of alcohol, and shop till you drop.

Some people don't even know the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

And do some care? Are they more worried about finally having a paid day off from work than what these holidays actually commemorate? Do people stop and think about why we are celebrating a certain individual or event?

I do not want to see Sept. 11 designated a national holiday. I don't want to see the memories of those who died, the heroism of first responders, and the legacy of survivors marred by somebody in an American flag speedo or a 50 percent off sale.

Each year the National September 11 Memorial and Museum observes six moments of silence, acknowledging when each of the World Trade Center towers was struck and fell and the times corresponding to the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93, according to 911memorial.org.

As I'm sure most do, I remember where I was on that day. I was coming back from my morning biology class and saw events unfold on the television screen in the lobby of my dormitory at Ole Miss. Being that my dad works for the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis, I called him first to make sure he was okay. In that moment of panic, one just didn't know where the terrorists would strike next.

Classes were cancelled, vigils were held, and many of us went home that weekend to be with our families. It was a poignant moment in time, one in which I remembered a lot of unity.

But alas, many have forgotten what unity means and looks like. Yes, I saw peoples' "heartfelt" social media posts on 9/11, but the next day, everyone seemed to be back at each other's throats, spewing hate and misinformation all over the place.

This is why I don't take anyone's messages of unity or daily Bible scripture postings seriously.

Some holidays have become nothing more than an opportunity to host a sale on goods. Like Christmas, for instance. People always scream "Put Christ back in Christmas" when someone dares to say "Happy



STAFF COLUMN
By Cassandra Favre

HANCOCK HISTORY: The Old Joe Moran Road

The Moran Family was one of the earliest settlers of Hancock County during the European colonization period of the late eighteenth century. This family had a heritage or skill of raising herds of cattle for profit from the beginning of their time here. Even sustenance farmers raised some livestock for necessary items for trade that they could not provide from their own land such as coffee, flour, sugar, tobacco, salt, lead, medicines, whiskey, guns, or ammunition. In a previous column, the early Moran history was addressed. In modern times, other Moran descendants from Victor Moran, father of Cyrille Moran, father of Oswald Moran Sr., continue the cattle farm traditions in areas along Highway 43, cultivating hundreds of acres. Oswald "Sonny" Moran, Jr., once lived in



HANCOCK HISTORY
By James Keating
M.D.

the area that is now in the Buffer Zone along side his brother Pete Moran. Even though the area was abandoned for living purposes, they continue the cattle farming tradition along side their many siblings including Donald and Clyde, as well as many descendants and relatives in the area. Their tradition carries on in the Buffer Zone and the surrounding areas for this branch of the Moran Family as

well.

As a young man, Joseph Peter Moran (1897-1967), son of Cyrille and Victor Moran, worked for the Edward Hines Lumber Company in the Kiln. In 1912, Joe moved up the road north of the town to homestead 160 acres. He built a house and reared seven children. Joe also raised about thirty head of beef cattle and kept ten hogs. In addition, he planted twenty acres of pecan groves as well as a large vegetable garden, which was typical for every family in that era. Moreover, Joe served on the County Board of Supervisors for twelve years during the Great Depression. One of his accomplishments during the years serving the county was creating a road to the Rotten Bayou Cemetery. He believed in higher education and all of his children and grandchild-

dren are well educated. The picturesque, winding road to his farm is called "The Old Joe Moran Road" because there was already another road in the region at that time with the name Joe Moran Road. By the way, Joe lived to the age of eighty-eight.

One of Joe's children, Carl Joseph Moran, Sr., was also a cattle farmer. He married Geneva Hoda. At one time he kept a herd of thirty dairy cattle. In the mid-twentieth century, electricity came to Hancock County that provided farmers with surface coolers and more efficient supply chain management of milk products. By 1945, a Farmer's Co-Op Creamery with a membership of seventy-nine

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Back to School and Back to Saving

With each new school year, our family falls into new habits. We figure out new breakfast routines, new drop-off routines, new afterschool activity routines. It takes a bit of adjustment in the beginning, but soon enough it's second nature. For many families, I think that's similar to how they feel when they begin seriously saving for their child's college. It takes a little adjusting, but once you make it a habit, it's second nature.

Each year, school bells help ring in the open enrollment period for the State Treasury's Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) plans. These plans allow families to lock in today's tuition rates and prepay their child or grandchild's way through college. While you can open a plan like this at any age, it's a habit that is best when you start early, as starting early often means saving



Guest Column

By Treasurer David
McRae

money and securing a lower monthly payment.

I am pleased to let you know we were able to avoid any increase in MPACT rates this year, due to strong market growth and an updated investment strategy that we worked with the state legislature to implement when I first came to office.

MPACT plans can be opened by almost anyone and almost everyone will receive tax advantages for doing so. This

means, a grandparent can use it as part of their estate planning, an aunt or uncle can give it as a gift, or a parent can plan early to keep their child out of decades-long debt. Regardless of who opens it, the beneficiary will be put on a path to greater financial independence – one free from the burdens of high student loan debt.

MPACT plans are also made to be flexible. They can be used for two-year or four-year colleges. They can be used in-state or out-of-state, although the plans might not cover the entirety of tuition at private or out-of-state schools in the way they would a public, in-state college or university. Moreover, they can be used for tuition up to eight years after your child's high school graduation, meaning the plan won't be diminished if they take a gap year, for example. There are also adjustments made if your

child receives a partial or full-ride scholarship. In other words, these plans take a lot of factors into account to make sure they're going to work for you and your family.

If you are interested in introducing college savings into your new school-year habits, please visit Treasury.MS.gov/MPACT to learn more or call my team at (601) 359-3600. We would love to answer your questions.

To those students and teachers returning to school, welcome back. Have a wonderful 2021-22 school year.

Mississippi Treasurer David McRae is the 55th Treasurer for the State of Mississippi. In this role, he helps manage the state's cash flow, oversees College Savings Mississippi, and has returned more than \$30 million in unclaimed money to Mississippians. For more information, visit Treasury.MS.gov.

Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County justice facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF

Elijah L. Ladner, 40, domestic violence, simple assault
Hezekiah Donaldson, II, 30, domestic violence, simple assault
Taylor J. Marquar, 24, contempt of court failure to appear
Jon E. Partridge, 36, disorderly conduct; drunkenness/profanity in public place
Jason M. Oshea, 43, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Fred A. Zurich, 31, disorderly conduct; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest; felony possession of controlled substance
Lance A. Vaughn, Sr., 38, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved

consent agreement x 2; simple domestic violence simple assault
Rachel E. Westbrook, 33, burglary
Stephen H. Richardson, Jr., 44, profanity in public place
Brandon D. Capps, 22, contempt failure to appear
Clifford Mancuso, Jr., 23, contempt failure to appear
Dalasia M. Quin, 22, credit card fraudulent use w/internet to obtain money; burglary x 2
Michael O. LaFontaine, 30, contempt of court failure to appear x 4
Cornelius E. Brown, 24, DUI
Raymond S. Davenport, 37, improper use of out-of-state tag or tag from another vehicle; no drivers license; no motor vehicle insurance; failure to yield to blue lights; motor vehicle requirements as to use of lights; felony possession of controlled substance;

tampering with physical evidence
Verlon D. Spiers, 44, simple domestic violence simple assault
Sean R. Magee, 38, drunkenness/profanity in public place; littering
Julisha L. Poole, 33, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Jeremy B. Piet, 42, felony possession of controlled substance; contempt of court failure to appear
Esli D. Fernandez Flores, 20, simple domestic violence simple assault
William A. Trosclair, Jr., 45, contempt of court failure to appear
Noble V. Marske, II, 41, contempt failure to appear
Emily A. Dobson, 37, contempt of court failure to appear
Michael Ledingham, 56, driving while license or driving privilege cancelled; motor vehicle improper equipment; felony possession of controlled substance
Dana M. Saucier, 32, driving with suspended or revoked license;

motor vehicle improper equipment; no tag; failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance card
Maconnelly N. Piazza, 30, trespass after warning
Shellie R. Necaise, 24, contempt of court failure to appear
Rory J. Morano, Jr., 43, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Joshua E. Baudean, 35, driving with suspended or revoked license x 2; motor vehicle improper equipment; stalking; simple assault; contempt failure to pay; contempt of court failure to appear
Keondra N. Lee, 26, contempt of court failure to appear
Kelvis J. Bowens, 58, DUI
Alexis W. Stockstill, 21, hold for other agency; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Traci L. Bilbo, 49, DUI
Brittany R. Rabalais, 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
Noah H. Dreifus, 35, probation violation
Mervin R. Dedeaux, 45, probation violation

Alejandro Raman-Torres, 36, hold for ICE
Dorothy L. Jones, 31, felony possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
Larry J. House, 48, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 3; possession of paraphernalia
Derick D. Beltran, 31, weekender
Lance M. Abram, 34, contempt failure to appear
John C. Calhoun, 41, contempt failure to appear
Mark R. Plauche, 37, voyeurism (trespass by peeping tom)
Adam L. Noble, 33, felony possession of controlled substance
Alvin J. Durel, 49, DUI 1st offense
Anthony M. Ayers, 26, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Vanity S. Watkins, 32, shoplifting
Nicholas A. Waldie,

25, contempt of court failure to appear x 3; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Douglas M. Camp, 47, contempt failure to appear
David L. Bowman, Jr., 52, DUI 1st offense
Caitlyn L. Painter, 22, disorderly conduct
Christina L. Necaise, 36, simple assault
Albert D. Biehl, IV, 46, possession of paraphernalia
Troy N. Bordelon, 56, DUI
Jacob A. Villanueva, 33, disorderly conduct
Dana D. Brinkerhoff, 47, trespassing; disorderly conduct
Robert D. McCormick, 41, simple domestic violence simple assault
Caroline Brewer, 31, probation violation
Robert G. Jackson, IV, 35, contempt failure to appear x 3
Angela C. Hood, 30, contempt failure to appear
Brandon K. Bourgeois, 38, no tag; no drivers license; DUI third/ subsequent conviction

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dairymen was selling milk to the local market. Nevertheless, the industry declined in Hancock County because of government regulation and financial problems of various producers. Today, there is little or no dairy farming in the county, and the Moran family raises beef cattle instead.

Carl Moran reared eight children, all of whom acquired higher education. His youngest child, Philip Moran, is our current Mississippi State Senator. Philip graduated from the Mississippi State University, studying business and agriculture. He has a successful Pest Control Business that he started thirty-seven years ago. He also served as the Hancock County Board of Supervisors President from 1996-2000. He has served in the Mississippi State Senate since 2012 and is currently in his third term. Philip maintains the Moran traditions and has the family farm of 220 acres on the Old Joe Moran Road. He keeps fifty head of beef cattle. Senator Moran does much of the farm work himself. He maintains about half of his land in pasture and the other half growing hay, a type of grass that has been mown and dried for use as fodder. He is able to sell some of his harvest to other cattle farmers. In the recent past, Philip created a small, beautiful family cemetery on his family farm where Old Joe Moran and four generations of the Moran family rest in peace under a lovely grove of oak trees, next to a large field of cultivated grass.

Philip’s son, Alan Moran, is currently on the City Council of Diamond-

head and helps run Philip’s Pest Control Company. Alan is a genealogist for the Juan De Cuevas Family Association which was founded in 2019, to preserve the history and genealogical information of the many inhabitants of the area that are related. Through much time and study, Philip’s older brothers kept extensive genealogical records and passed down this information to their nephew, Alan. These records, along with personal interviews allowed this writer to collect valuable history about these families and cattle farming significant to the history of Hancock County.

In conclusion, early settlers who were ancestors of the Ladner, Moran, and Cuevas families settled Cat Island in the eighteenth century. These brave colonists acquired Spanish land grants of the choice timber lands of the southern part of the county where they settled and practiced cattle farming. Accordingly, over the next 240 years, cattle farming would represent the most consistently profitable sector of the Hancock County agriculture economy. The Rotten Bayou Cemetery was the traditional resting place for the deceased members of the Moran, Cuevas, Ladner, Hoda, Saucier, Dedeaux, Necaise, Depreo, and Lizana families. The timber industry prospered in Hancock County at the turn of the last century and cattle farms supported the sawmill operations in the forest with trained ox teams and food for the men and the animals that worked there. On the Old Joe Moran Road modern day Senator Philip Moran and his son, Alan, own a successful pest control business and a thriving cattle farm in the old Moran tradition.

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Holidays.” But yet, they seem more concerned with putting the consumerism in Christmas than Christ himself.

Almost every holiday has a sale attached to it. Stores are almost always jammed pack. Up until recently, many of the major retailers stayed open on Thanksgiving Day to open their doors early to Black Friday shoppers.

Admittedly, I’ve been Black Friday shopping before, and it was an awful experience. I like shopping for discounts as much as anyone, but it’s a bit much and I don’t need all that stuff. And it’s definitely not worth fighting over.

One day that we remember here is Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina. That storm took my childhood home and everything I owned. But my family was intact. It was then that my obsession with collecting every book in a series and buying every cutsey knickknack changed.

To be fair, yes, I do still have a shoe and handbag addiction.

But, I make sure to donate what I’m not using to rotate in the newer items.

I still have some areas to work on to keep my stuff down to a minimum, but I don’t go out and buy things for no reason like I used to. It doesn’t fill the voids and it’s not what’s important.

Many lost their lives on Aug. 29. Many lost their lives on Sept. 11. I’m sure their families would rather have their loved ones back in their lives than a discounted piece of furniture.

I think it’s important for Sept. 11 to remain a day of solemn remembrance. It’s a reminder to make each moment count for we don’t know when it might be our last. Be as kind as you can be to people.

Instead of hogging up the shopping aisles or screaming from a boat, perform a small act of kindness for someone. Visit a relative or friend you haven’t seen in a long time. Tell people how you feel about them.

In their last moments, many of the victims of 9/11 made phone calls to their loved ones, not their possessions, but

the people in their lives that matter most.

It shouldn’t have to take a natural disaster or an act of terrorism for people to remember what is most important. Remembering the victims and survivors of 9/11 can and should be done, but I don’t think it needs to be designated a holiday in order to do so.

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HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SDA Legal Current Combined Budget Report

Original X Date Approved: 08/17/2021						
Amended Date Approved:						
For the year ending June 30, 2022						
	Governmental Fund Types					Proprietary Fund Types
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent Trust	Enterprise
Revenues						
Local Sources	15,804,979.58	582,000.00	0.00	3,590,492.51	0.00	0.00
State Sources	22,554,166.00	910,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Sources	68,800.00	9,698,155.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sixteenth Section Sources	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total Revenues	38,552,945.58	11,190,655.58	0.00	3,590,492.51	5,000.00	0.00
Expenditures						
Instruction	22,190,066.60	6,035,465.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support Services	16,076,385.90	2,636,101.47	421,249.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noninstructional Services	4,100.00	2,154,464.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sixteenth Section	42,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	331,696.06	1,155,986.00	3,913,230.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal	279,028.34	0.00	0.00	3,045,000.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	543,492.51	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	38,923,976.90	11,982,017.64	4,334,479.43	3,590,492.51	0.00	0.00
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(371,031.32)	(791,362.06)	(4,334,479.43)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent Trust	Enterprise
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Other Transfers In	3,879,238.54	1,336,046.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Transfers Out	5,440,285.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,561,046.81)	1,336,046.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,932,078.13)	544,684.75	(4,334,479.43)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent Trust	Enterprise
Fund Balances / Retained Earnings						
July 1, 2021	27,061,243.26	2,139,689.73	3,976,871.64	4,310,116.45	828,236.77	0.00
Prior Period Adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July 1, 2021 as restated	27,061,243.26	2,139,689.73	3,976,871.64	4,310,116.45	828,236.77	0.00
June 30, 2022	25,129,165.13	2,684,374.48	(357,607.79)	4,310,116.45	833,236.77	0.00

Obituaries

- CHARLES “STEVEN” DAVIS
 - TERREL “JOEY” PAUL LEE, JR.
 - KENDALL SHENARD MITCHELL
 - RUSSELL A. MAYEUR, JR.

CHARLES “STEVEN” DAVIS

Steve Davis, age 52, passed away on Saturday, August 7th, 2021 in Alpharetta, GA.

He was born in New Orleans, LA on November 10, 1968, and grew up in Bay St Louis, MS. Steve was raised a Baptist and attended First Baptist Church as a youth. He was a 1986 graduate of Bay High School and attended The University of South Alabama.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Charles “Joseph” Davis and his grandparents, Beatrice and Emmett Brown. He is survived by his mother, Ellen Davis and brother Scott Davis (Robin), all of Boise, ID. He is also survived by his Uncle Jerry and Aunt Jeannie Brown along with his Uncle Tom Brown and cousins, Kim and Jennie Brown, all of Irvington, AL. Steve also leaves behind his beloved dog Elvis, a 10-year-old standard schnauzer.

Steve loved music, sports, and movies. He learned how to play guitar, and later bass guitar when he was in grade school. Always on the cutting edge of music, he would DJ fraternity parties at Tulane University when he was a teenager. He was known for lugging around his records

in milk crates and making mix tapes for his friends.

We know this fall will be tough as Steve will not be there to critique and analyze the New Orleans Saints and the LSU Tigers. He was a die-hard lifelong fan on both teams. He was comfortable watching at home or at his favorite neighborhood pub with a cold pint, no doubt dissecting plays with the bartender.

Steve always loved movies. After seeing Rocky as a youngster in 1976, he slugged his father in the theater lobby as they were exiting. He could sit you down and tell you why Michael Mann was his favorite director. He spent many nights with his friends in Waveland, MS at The Choctaw Plaza Cinema 4.

Although he lived and maintained a private life, Steve was surrounded by friends in Atlanta and stayed in touch with other friends going all the way back to elementary school.

Steve was a true free spirit in every sense of the word. He left college to work on cruise ships and see the world. In the early 90s, he worked in the casino industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He would later work for Dell in Nashville before settling on Atlanta in 2006 to be



closer to his family that had relocated following Hurricane Katrina. Also in 2006, Steve opened his own business, SD Marketing Inc. which specialized in wholesale business leads. He grew the business, especially following the recession of 2008 and remained self-employed until his untimely death.

A celebration of his life will be held at Shadowbrook Town Center (green space) in Suwannee, GA at 5 pm on Friday, September 17th. Another celebration of life will be held on Friday, November 26th at 5pm at The Blind Tiger in Old Town Bay St Louis. All are welcomed to attend.

The family will hold a small private burial service at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Theodore, AL on Wednesday, November 24th at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in Steve’s name to The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health or the Atlanta Humane Society.

TERREL “JOEY” PAUL LEE JR.,

Terrel Paul Lee Jr., also known as “Joey”, began his journey home on Friday, August 27, 2021. Terrel was thirty-two at the time of his passing. He was born in Bay St. Louis, MS on January 27, 1989 and was a life-long resident. There he met Richelle Lester Lee. Together, they blessed the world with two sons, Carter Paul Lee, (12) and Beaux Russell Lee, (9) who idolized their father. Terrel was so proud of his family & shared his courageous ways, hardworking mind-set, and loving heart with his boys every day. He shared his knowledge & all of his passions with his young sons. He often recalled the days spent with his grandfather fishing on the sea wall and reminisced often about how grateful he was for the time spent with his Papa and how he loved the gulf coast & the peace and tranquility it provided him. Terrel was a certified welder & spent many days working long hours, to provide his family with the life he knew they deserved. You could often find him covered in smut, under the hood of some type of vehicle that he had just bought or traded.

He could wheel and deal like no other and you could often expect him to show up in different vehicles every time you saw him. Terrel enjoyed fishing, vehicles, riding the beach, spending time with his family, but most of all... his biggest passion in life was to be a good man...and that he was. Along with being a loving husband & family man, Terrel also made many friends during his life. People never fail to mention one of the many times he selflessly lent a helping hand without a second thought. Terrel never had the ability to walk past someone in need...stranger or friend, he never saw a difference. He could never drive past someone broke down on side of the road. He insisted that if continued to stop and help than maybe someone would do the same for him or his family. He was a man to live by the golden rule, do unto others as you would want done unto you and because of that, he was very easily loved and will be grieved by so many. He made the world a better place and he meant the world to so many of us.

Terrel is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Donald Ray Necaie, and his aunt and uncle, Danny and



Linda Williams. Terrel is survived by his wife, Richelle Lee, their two boys, Carter and Beaux Lee of Bay St. Louis, MS, his parents Donna Lee (Bay St. Louis, MS) and Terrel Paul Lee, Sr. (Bay St. Louis, MS). Maternal grandmother Nina Necaie (Bay St. Louis, MS), Paternal grandparents, Wendy Rojas (Duson, LA), & Paul Lee (Harahan, LA), his siblings, Ashleigh/Walter Pierce (Pass Christian, MS), April Jones (Kiln, MS), Brandon Lee (Diamondhead, MS), Kaiden Lee (Bay St. Louis, MS), mother-in-law (Bay St. Louis), father-in-law, Paul Lester (Sun Prairie, WI) sister-in-laws, Sydney Lester (Bay St. Louis, MS) and Mercedes/Jessika Karr (Saint Joseph, Missouri), many nieces, nephews & younger cousins that looked up to him and countless more family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

KENDALL SHENARD MITCHELL

Kendall Shenard Mitchell (Pearlington)—beloved father, brother, nephew, cousin, friend, mathematician, and spades champion—died Monday, September 6, 2021.

Kendall was born October 24, 1975, to the late Ann Mitchell and Darryel Williams. He matriculated through the Pearlington route of the Hancock County school system: Head Start at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church and Charles B. Murphy Elementary School. He then attended Hancock North Central and Hancock High School, where he emerged a shining scholar and star basketball player. “He was by far the best player on the team” remembers Lance Wedgeworth, his teammate. A basketball rival, who admitted to not having talked to Kendall in 20 years, recalls how “Kendall could hoop and played an up-tempo style of the game.”

His academic performance in school matched his on-the-court pizzazz. He scored mostly A’s in his courses and graduated the salutatorian of his 1994 class. He enrolled in Tougaloo College, majoring in mathematics. While in college, Kendall was known for his passion for the card game spades. “He’d go to

class, do his homework, and take a nap. And then he’d start playing around 9 at night until about 3 o’clock in morning,” recalls Chandler Johnson, his Tougaloo classmate. Spades and extracurricular activities never kept Kendall from excelling in academics; he graduated magna cum laude (the second highest honors) with his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

His talent in math and science landed him a job at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) at John C. Stennis Space Center. In the span of 18 years, he worked as a Database Specialist, Data Analyst, and Project Coordinator. Kendall also served as a member of the Ocean Science Mentoring Team, a program for students at Coahoma Community College in the Mississippi Delta.

He was the go-to person in Pearlington for math tutoring and computer troubleshooting. He loved his family dearly and helped many of his friends. Several of his Tougaloo classmates have jobs at NAVOCEANO because of Kendall.

And he never lost his love of spades. To heighten competition for one spades tournament, he ordered custom-made “spades championship” belts for the winners. Of course, he was one of the winners and posed with his belt over his shoulder



like he was a model for GQ: The Spades Tournament Edition.

Kendall is survived by his son Carter Mitchell of Slidell, LA, whom he loved with all his heart; his sisters Denise Williams, Tynekia Taplin (Michael), and Jouvonda McCall (Steven) all of New Orleans, LA; his brothers Kristian Robert (Emely) of Slidell, LA, Darryel Williams (Nicole) of Lacombe, LA, and Jumil Williams of New Orleans, LA; his aunts Virginia Doby and Johnny Mitchell of Pearlington, Barbara Joyce Levy of Gretna, LA, Claudette Cranshaw, and his uncle Edward Joseph Wince both of Denver, CO, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Lindsey Cemetery in Pearlington, MS on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off to Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune, MS or contact Mrs. Trellis Lewis-Harvey at 228-731-1414.

RUSSELL A. MAYEUR, JR.,

Russell A. Mayeur, Jr, 75, of Diamondhead, MS, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021 in Diamondhead, MS. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father and grandfather who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Russell graduated from Chalmette High School, Class of 1964. He was an active member of Boy Scout Troop 3 earning his Eagle Scout Award. Russell enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard at 17 and faithfully served his country for 31 years in both the National Guard and the US Army Reserve reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He began his career in the 1-141st Field Artillery Battalion, Jackson Barracks. He was mobilized and deployed during Operation Desert Storm. He spent 18 months deployed in Saudi Arabi. In civilian life, he worked with his

father in the Russell A Mayeur and Sons, Inc, a roofing and sheet metal business. Later in life, he worked in retail at Wal-Mart and Big Lots. He finally retired completely to play golf at the Diamondhead Country Club. He was a member of the Washington Artillery Veterans Association and held various positions within the organization. He was a life member of VFW Post 2880, Diamondhead, MS where he had been a Past Commander of this post. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell A. Mayeur, Sr. and his wife, Judith A. Mayeur. He is survived by his mother, Eloise Kelly Mayeur, three sisters, Ellen McCubbin (Terry), Eloise Carboni (Lou), and Kelly Feraud (Darryl), one brother, Kerry Mayeur (Heather); two sons, Russell A. Mayeur, III (Stacey), Wayne Carriker (Sherry), three daughters; LaDenna Piper (Walter),



Andrea Williams (Carl) and Elizabeth Hasselgren (Dustin); twelve grandchildren, Meghean, Joseph, Russell IV, Mason, Brian, Katelyn, Madi, Payton, Liberty, Noah, Leah and Cayden; two great grandchildren, Brooks and Marceline. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jackson Barracks Museum, 6400 Saint Claude Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117. Funeral services will be held at a later date with interment at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, LA. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Alternating lane closures on East Pearl River Bridge on I-10 at the state line

SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced there will be alternating lane closures

on the East Pearl River Bridge on I-10 at the MS/LA state line on Monday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m.-noon.

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Karen Ann Ackerman Hufft went peacefully to her eternal home on Sunday, September 5, 2010, with her devoted and loving husband of 35 years, Wade David Hufft prayerfully at her side. Karen is survived by her three dear loved and treasured daughters, Tammy Lynn Hufft Gambino (A.J.), Marie Hufft Epperich (Chad), and Amanda Hufft (Tanner Rydman) her precious grandchildren, Abigail Mae Hufft, Dominic Wade

Gambino, and Cullen Ryan Epperson; and her brother, Eric Steven Ackermann (Donna) and godchild, Rebecca Joan Ackermann Carrone (Brandon). Karen is also survived by brothers-in-law, Alden M. Hufft (Kim) and Timothy T. Hufft (Deborah), and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is predeceased by her loving parents, Shirley Mae Kandra Ackermann and Herbert Joseph Ackermann, Jr., her godmother, Beverly Kandra Perez, her in-laws, Frederick Christian Hufft, Sr. and Claine Pradat Hufft, and

brother-in-law, Frederick Christian Hufft, Jr. Karen was a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Marion Abramson Senior High School. Throughout high school, Karen was an active member of the Walther League of Our Savior Lutheran Church and the Exhibition Square Dance Group of Gold Dust Twirlers Square Dance Club. Karen later went on to earn an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science from Pearl River Community College after marrying, building a beautiful home in Waveland, Mississippi,

and starting a family. Karen enjoyed a career as a Paralegal and Notary Public with the law firms of Butler Snow, LLP and Casano Law Firm. To know Karen was to know dedication to family and loyalty to friends. Karen loved and excelled at sewing, baking, crafting, quilting, and painting. She was selfless when it came to her girls and their education and extra curricular activities. Karen herself undertook dance and piano lessons alongside her girls, in support of them and her personal enjoyment of always learning

something new. When it came to birthday parties and holiday gatherings, the Hufft home was always the place to be, with Karen at the center of each event making certain that everyone was having as much fun as she was. This tradition continued in spite of Hurricane Katrina, after which the Hufft family relocated to Diamondhead, Mississippi. A private service was held on Friday, September 10, 2021, officiated by Father Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM, of St. Clare Catholic Church, and arranged by Edmond

Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, followed by Catholic burial at Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The family would like to thank all that devoted prayers for Karen and the Hufft family, the health care providers and staff of Ochsner Health, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, and Kare-in-Home Hospice. Memorial donations may be offered to the American Cancer Society Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge, 2609 River Road, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70121, 504-219-2200 or 1-800-227-2345.

On Sunday, September 12, 2021, Heaven welcomed another angel as Rachel Perniciaro Yarborough of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi departed this life. She was fifty-two (42) years old. A stunningly beautiful woman and soul, Rachel entered this world with a brilliant, enduring life on May 4, 1979, when she was born as the daughter of Eleanor and Charles Perniciaro. As a youth, she was a shy child, who loved horseback riding and soccer, dedicating much of her time through her high school years to her soccer career. From her childhood, Rachel possessed an innate compassion and empathy for others in their plight, accompanied by her desire to help others through their difficulties. She grew out of her shyness into the charismatic, funny and joyful Rachel that we all knew and loved. Though larger in physical stature, she was always filled with physical agility, mental acuity, toughness and tenacity, which she displayed on and off

the soccer field. Her tenaciousness not only aided her development into an elite soccer player, but it also helped her endure and face the challenges life would impose. She starred on Bay Saint Louis High School's woman's soccer team upon its inception as a school program and she helped lead the team to district and playoff success. She received the team player of the year award for numerous years and she played semi-professional soccer. She graduated from Bay High School with Honors. Following her graduation from Bay High School, she attended the University of Southern Mississippi. Rachel received a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in Latin. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she studied at Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, from where she received her juris doctor degree in 2005. During her college years, she enjoyed studying abroad in Europe, enticed by adventure, architecture and good French and German food. Upon receiving her law degree, she returned home to

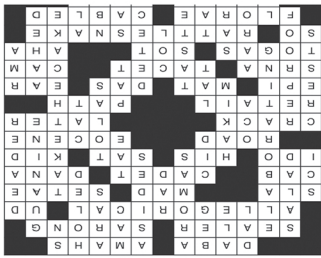
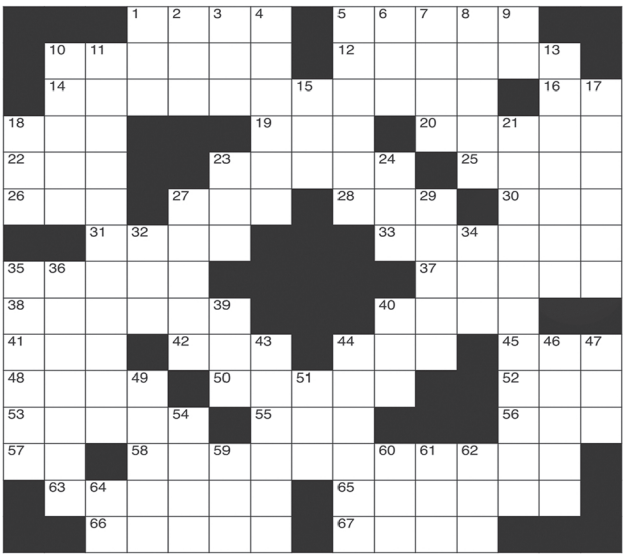
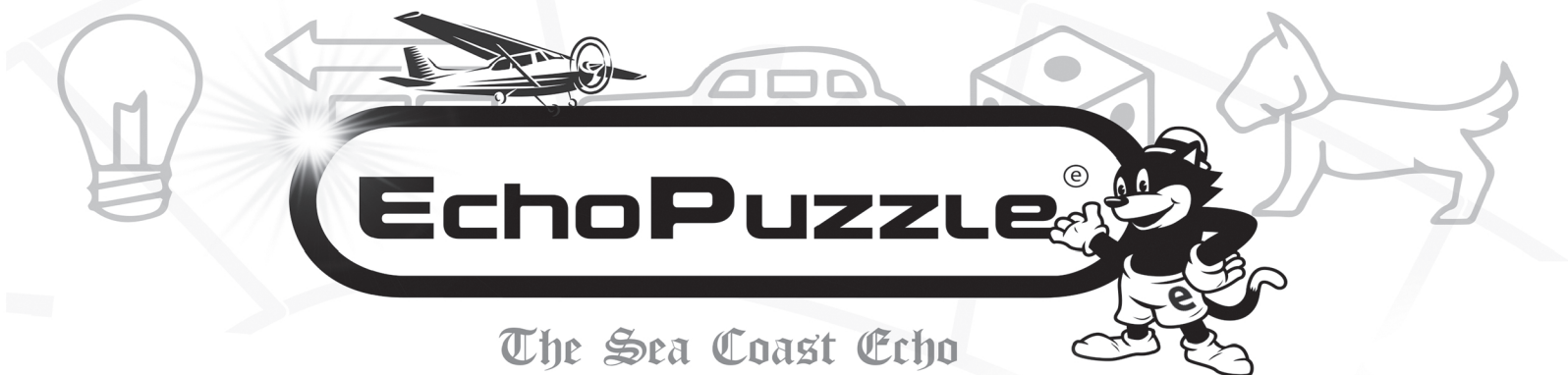


Bay Saint Louis. She initially practiced criminal defense and prosecution law, before venturing into works more close to her heart, being those of advocating for abused and neglected children. She was integral in the expansion of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Hancock County, a non-profit organization that coordinates volunteers to advocate for children who had experienced abuse and neglect. Rachel served as the Hancock County Youth Court prosecutor, working tirelessly, with fervor and diligence, to protect those most vulnerable children. Rachel always displayed empathy, compassion, and she possessed an innate, whole-hearted desire to help persons of all walks of life. She also served

as City Attorney for the City of Waveland and Planning and Zoning Attorney for Hancock County. In 2009, Rachel married Gary M. Yarbrough, Jr., also of Bay Saint Louis. The couple quickly became best friends, then the love of each other's life. The couple has four children, Jude, Brock, Brooks and Beau Emy. Rachel and Gary's family's life was one filled with joy, random living room dance parties, jokes and hammy family self-amusement. Cancer, disease and sickness did not steal this from them. The family has truly been blessed. In 2018, following the birth of Rachel and Gary's last child, Rachel was diagnosed with an advanced sarcoma tumor. With her unassailable determination, Rachel underwent numerous rounds of chemotherapy treatment followed by a stem cell transplant. She undertook those treatments under the superb medical care of Dr. Allison Wall (Gulfport Memorial, MS), Dr. Dekja Araujo (MD Anderson) and Dr. Amanda Olson (MD Anderson). Doctors Wall, Araujo and Olson exem-

plified great compassion, care and thoroughness in their treatment of Rachel. And those knowing Rachel can understand how happy Rachel was to have an all woman medical team. Rachel and her family are forever grateful for them, as their care—coupled with Rachel's perseverance—gave Rachel and her family precious time. On September 12, 2021, Rachel was called to be with the Lord. She lived as a protector, sounding board, empathetic ear, and a beacon of laughter, joy and love. Her light, love, laughter and compassion has forever, perpetually illuminated the world. She loved good food, swimming with her family, and conversations and time with family and friends. Rachel is preceded in death by: her father, Charles Xavier Perniciaro, Sr.; her grandparents John J. Perniciaro, Adrian O. Perniciaro, William Edwin Marquez, Jr. and Leono Walsh Marquez; and her step-sister, Debra Dana Sykes. She is survived by her husband, Gary McKay Yarborough, Jr. and their four children, Jude, Brock, Brooks and Beau.

Emy of Bay Saint Louis; her mother, Eleanor Marquez of Bay Saint Louis; her step-mother, Cathy Gavagnie Perniciaro; her brother Charlie Xavier Perniciaro, Jr. (wife, Vanessa Leann Perniciaro); and her step-brother, David Lamar Sykes, Jr. (wife, Alicia Faith Sykes). She had numerous nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi from 10:30 a.m. until noon, with a Mass beginning at noon. Interment will be at Garden of Memories in Bay St. Louis, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay Saint Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please make donations to SPA, a Sarcoma Patient Assistance non-profit at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center that provides financial assistance to sarcoma patients to help with items such as travel, parking, lodging and food. See <https://www.sarcomapatientassistance.com>.



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15. Cool!
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21. Be the most remarkable
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29. Fantastical planet
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34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
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43. One's interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to "ooed"
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin' Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files

Devotional Page

Potential

By **C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN.****C. Gerald Richardson, D. Min.**

Make the most of your potential! This is a challenge which has been offered to countless persons over the years. The goal is almost always to encourage people to do their best, discover their capabilities, and to develop them as much as possible. Working with our potential can be a

significant tool in our quest to solve problems, rise above personal depression, and meet the challenges of life with a mindset of what we can do rather than giving in to what seems impossible.

Potential is the one quality which exists to some degree within everyone. We all can do something with our lives. The question is not whether we can, but whether we will. Potential is different in every person, but it is present in all.

Spirituality is one of the ways in which potential may be developed in people. When we take our spiritual lives seriously and nurture them intentionally, we are likely to discover that our possibilities will enlarge, and our

hope will grow.

Please do not mistake institutional religion for spirituality. While our individual religious practices are important and they clearly nurture our lives in significant ways, spirituality is of a different nature. Nurturing the human spirit is an internal process. It is a means by which we apply our knowledge and beliefs in such a way that they are developed into spiritual truth rather than merely inspiring slogans.

What the institution can do, and often does, is provide opportunities and challenges to people in order that they might find avenues for development and growth in their personal and spiritual lives. When this does occur it is common for the mean-

ing and substance of life to be enhanced, and for the potential for good to grow.

Of course there have been many leaders who have seemed to possess unique qualities for the development of potential. Part of that skill is in recognizing it when it is present. Jesus seems to have possessed that skill in abundance. He met untrained and undeveloped fishermen and saw in them the possibilities which could change the world. He met crooked and seemingly amoral tax collectors and saw in them the potential for grace, charity, and good works.

Other great leaders in our history have had the gift of recognizing and encouraging potential. They have been political

leaders, teachers, employers, parents, friends and more. The way all this comes about can be something of mystery, but what we do know is that when potential is recognized and nurtured good things can happen.

A great part of the spiritual development of potential in people is in helping them come to see themselves and to accept themselves as they are. This sets the stage for development and growth.

The question is never about whether potential exists. It is always about whether and how it will be encouraged. May we all be thankful for the potential in ourselves and others. The best that is in us can be cultivated and allowed to blossom.

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CAUSE NO. 23CH1:21-cv-410-JP
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF LYNDIA LADNER RICH
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of July, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of LYNDIA LADNER RICH, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This 23rd day of August, A.D., 2021.
DANIELLE TREVINO f/k/a DANIELLE ROSHIA SMITH, EXECUTRIX
Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA MARIE LADNER, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:21-cv-0054 CB
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF THOMAS J. LADNER, SR., DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST TO THE ESTATE OF LAURA MARIE LADNER, WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE BOXES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER A DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.
You have been made a Defendant in a petition/suit filed in this Court by Marlene L. Knesel and Marie L. Green, co-Executrices, seeking to establish the heirs at law of Thomas J. Ladner, Sr., Deceased. The other parties interested in this Petition are: Patricia Ann Ladner, Thomas J. Ladner, Jr., Christia Marie Ladner, Anita Leona Selby, and Brittany Amanda Ladner.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th day of October, 2021, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hancock County at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the Petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 24th day of August, 2021.
Timothy A. Kellar
By: Bridgette Ladner
Deputy Clerk
(SEAL)
The Law Office of Mark Carter PLLC, Mark Carter Attorney at Law, MS Bar # 100401
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-231-1328 tel
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PROBATE COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. MCINNIS, JR.
DECEASED
CASE NO: 23CH1:21-CV-99-MA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Ancillary Letters of Administration in the Estate of JAMES W. MCINNIS, JR., Deceased, having been GRANTED to the undersigned on July 23, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said court, within ninety (90) days from this day, or they will be forever barred.
/s/ J. Alan Kohr, Administrator
J. ALAN KOHR, Administrator of the Estate of JAMES W. MCINNIS, JR., Deceased
RYAN, HICKS, CUMPTON & CUMPTON, LLP
3523 MONTILMAR PLAZA DRIVE
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36609
SUSAN O. CUMPTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
(251) 342-8188
MSB#1074737
09/01/21, 09/08/21, 09/15/21

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARY ELIZABETH DOSTER FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD NAMED WITHIN
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:21-AD-10
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THE PUTATIVE AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF LUCAS AIDEN CRAIN, BORN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 19, 2019 AND WHOSE IDENTITY AND POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Mary Elizabeth Doster, Petitioner, seeking to terminate parental rights of the biological mother, Paige Marie Crain, and unknown biological father and adopt the Minor Child named in that Termination of Parental Rights and Petition for Adoption.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 18th day of October, 2021, in the courtroom of the Honorable Jim Persons at the Harrison County Chancery Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the complaint or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
ISSUED UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, this 18th day of August, 2021.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR

HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK
By: /s/ Bridgette Ladner D.C.
(SEAL)
09/01/21, 09/08/21, 09/15/21

THE STORAGE CENTER, LLC WILL HOLD A PUBLIC SALE TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED BELOW, PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI SELF SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY ACT, MISSISSIPPI CODE 85-7-121 TO 85-7-129 AT 1:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 AT THE STORAGE CENTER, LLC, 17383 HIGHWAY 603 KILN, MS 39556. ALL UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND THE SALE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. REGISTERED OR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE SOLD “AS IS/ PARTS ONLY” NO TITLES OR REGISTRATION
MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW ANY UNIT FROM SALE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 601-916-4386/228-586-1998.

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s/Chris Failla,
Manager The Storage Center, LLC
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS A. GREAVES, DECEASED
NO. 21-109 CB
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: YVONNE LYNN GREAVES
beneficiary of PHYLLIS A. GREAVES, Deceased, whose post office address, street address, and place of residence are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.
You have been made a Defendant in the matter filed in this Court by DALE A. GREAVES, Plaintiff Executor, seeking to Close the Estate and to Discharge Executor.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of November, 2021, in the Chancery Court Building at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 31 day of August, 2021.
s/Timothy A. (Tim) Kellar
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
152 Main Street, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
s/Larinell Scarborough D.C.
(SEAL)
09/08/21, 09/15/21, 09/22/21

CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS
ADVERTISEMENT
DISASTER RECOVERY CONSULTING SERVICES
Notice is hereby given that the City of Bay St. Louis is soliciting responses for DISASTER RECOVERY CONSULTING SERVICES. Interested and qualified respondents may submit RFP Packages, according to the requirements described herein, to the City of Bay St. Louis, 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. All RFP Packages are due by or before 12 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Any packages delivered to or received after the 12 p.m. deadline will not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the addressee.
The City of Bay St. Louis seeks professional service assistance to support the CITY's disaster recovery, to expedite financial recovery and mitigation through the Federal Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program and other federal and state programs, to ensure full compliance with all Federal, State, and Local laws in order to limit any subsequent audits and reviews, and to minimize impacts from future disasters. The ideal candidate shall possess demonstrated experience in disaster recovery: programs and must have extensive knowledge and expertise in the operations of FEMA PA and Hazard Mitigation Programs. Any and all questions or requests for information relating to this Request for Proposal shall be submitted electronically by or before 12 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021.
Information packets available on the MS Agency Bid Bank: City of Bay St. Louis website (www.baystolouis-ms.gov); or by email request to dfeuerstein@baystolouis-ms.gov
Interested firms may not contact any staff member of the City of Bay St. Louis, except the above referenced individual with regard to this RFP. All inquiries will be routed to the appropriate staff member for response.
RFP Packages MUST be submitted and clearly marked on the subject line: DISASTER RECOVERY CONSULTING SERVICES. Each package submitted must have the respondent's name and mailing address marked plainly in the email. Each submittal shall include all required documents and any supplemental information. A total of (8) hard copies and one digital copy are required.
Contact Information: Dana Feuerstein, Deputy City Clerk
688 Highway 90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Email: dfeuerstein@baystolouis-ms.gov
Phone: (228)466-5451
09/08/21, 09/15/21

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR HUNTING LEASE (PORT BIENVILLE PROPERTY)
HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
Sealed Bids for Hunting Lease of approximately 1030 acres will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556, until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, Tuesday, September 21st, 2021, then bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned.
All bids must be addressed to the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION of Hancock County, Mississippi, marked “SEALED BID FOR HUNTING LEASE TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2021”. If bid is submitted by mail, the address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is “14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556”.
The HUNTING LEASE generally consists of the following:
Parcel 174-0-17-001.002 consisting of approximately 388 acres
Parcel 174-0-17-001.000 consisting of

approximately 20 acres
Parcel 174-0-18-001.000 consisting of approximately 141 acres
Parcel 174-0-19-002.000 consisting of approximately 361 acres
Parcel 174-0-19-001.000 consisting of approximately 120 acres
Lease specifications and requirements may be obtained on our website at portspace.com/workwithHCPHC or at the above address or by calling 228-467-9231 and request to be provided via email. You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the above-described parcels for hunting purposes will be for a term of three (3) years and \$6 per acre or consideration of the highest and best bid. The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.
BY:
William P. Cotter Jr., Chief Executive Officer
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
09/08/21, 09/15/21

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE
OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 9th day of October, 2001, Clyde J. Gros, Jr., husband & Lisa M. Gros, wife, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto W. Stewart Robison, Trustee for Jim Walter Homes, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 662 at Page 315 Instrument# 194321; and
WHEREAS, on the 26th day of March, 2019, the Holder of said Deed of Trust filed a Loan Modification Agreement of Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk of Court in Deed Book 2019 at Page 3714; and
WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to First Union National Bank as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust X by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2021 at Page 8655; and
WHEREAS, on the 25th day of March, 2021 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2021 at Page 10425; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 6th day of October, 2021, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 23, Block 2, Clearwater Heights Sub-Division, Hancock County, Mississippi, as shown on a plat of said subdivision made by Robert A. Berlin, Surveyor, dated July 1, 1963, and recorded in Deed Book 3, Page 4. Being a part of the same property conveyed to the Grantor herein by deed recorded in Deed book BB 50, Pages 199-200, Land Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi.
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 3rd day of September, 2021.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
adp/220-0382
09/15/21, 09/22/21, 09/29/21

RULE 81 SUMMONS
(Summons by Publication)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE KRISTIN LYNN BRODIE MADSEN PETITIONER
Any and all Unknown heirs of SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:21-cv-351-CB
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all unknown heirs of SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE, who are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by THE ESTATE OF SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE, KRISTIN LYNN BRODIE MADSEN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR, Plaintiff(s) seek to establish heirs of SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE. Defendants in this action are any and all persons claiming to be heirs of said SUZANNE ELIZABETH BRODIE. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 25th day of October, 2021, in the Chancery Court of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 3rd day of September, 2021.
TIMOTHY KELLAR
CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By: s/Ashley N. Holland
Deputy Clerk
(Seal)
Prepared by:
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RULE 81 SUMMONS
(Summons by Publication)
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORA ANN F. CONRAD BALTZER JOHN CONRAD, JR. PETITIONER VS.
MARTHA V. ALBERT,
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 204 Whitebark Drive Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, and
DAVID VON BONDUGEN,
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 61070 Davis Avenue Lacombe, Louisiana 70445, and
PAUL VON BONDUGEN
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 153 Squirrel Road Port Sulphur, Louisiana 70445, and
GUSTAVE VON BONDUGEN
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is

5902 General Meyer Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70131, and
CARL VON BONDUGEN
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 3609 Lake Providence Drive Harvey, Louisiana 70058, and
JOHN VON BONDUGEN
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 1109 Shearwater Avenue Aubrey, Texas 70445, and
Any and all Unknown heirs of NORA ANN F. CONRAD who are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.
DEFENDANT(S)
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:18-cv-00498-CB
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: MARTHA V. ALBERT,
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 204 Whitebark Drive Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, and
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: DAVID VON BONDUGEN,
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 61070 Davis Avenue Lacombe, Louisiana 70445, and
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: PAUL VON BONDUGEN
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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: JOHN VON BONDUGEN
A nonresident of the State of Mississippi
Whose Last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry is 1109 Shearwater Avenue Aubrey, Texas 70445, and
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all Unknown heirs of NORA ANN F. CONRAD who are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.
You have been made a Defendant in the COMPLAINT TO ESTABLISH HEIRS in the Estate of NORA ANN F. CONRAD filed in this Court by THE ESTATE OF NORA ANN F. CONRAD, BALTZER JOHN CONRAD, JR., EXECUTOR, Plaintiff(s).
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint of petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 25th day of October, 2021, in the courtroom of Chancery Court of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment on the Petition to establish heirs will be entered against you for the money of other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 3rd day of September, 2021.
TIMOTHY KELLAR
CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By: s/Ashley N. Holland
Deputy Clerk
(Seal)
Prepared by:
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD GENE GAUTHIER, DECEASED
APRIL SMITH, EXECUTRIX
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23ch1:20-543-MA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 5th day of December, A.D., 2020, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of RICHARD GENE GAUTHIER, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within three (3) months, from this date. A failure to probate and register any claim within said time will forever bar the said claim.
This the 5th day of December, A.D., 2020.
s/April Smith
APRIL SMITH
Executrix of the Estate of RICHARD GENE GAUTHIER
09/15/21, 09/22/21, 09/29/21

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL GARCIA, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:21-cv-00102-CB
SUMMONS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF CAROL GARCIA A/K/A CAROLYN ELIZABETH GARCIA, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Jay Fountain, Executor of the Estate of Carol Garcia a/k/a Carolyn Elizabeth Garcia, deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Carol Garcia a/k/a Carolyn Elizabeth Garcia, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are: Merlin Necaise, Charlene Garcia Dahl, Cathy O'Gwin, Earlene Garcia Carver, Glenn Fountain, Mike Fountain, Kenny Fountain, Tyrone Fountain and Roy Sims, who along with Jay Fountain are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 p.m. on October 25, 2021, in the Chancery Courtroom at the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire.
ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 7th day of September, 2021.
Timothy Kellar
Chancery Clerk
By: Bridgette Ladner
Deputy Clerk
152 Main Street, Ste. A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5406
Michael D. Haas, Jr.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

Bay Council approves zoning change for 100 Men Hall to let performers stay in ‘Tin Shed’

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Bay St. Louis City Council last week granted a special exception and zoning ordinance to 100 Men Hall owner Rachel Dangermond that will allow artists performing there to stay in the hall’s “Tin Shed.”

“The Tin Shed can now allow musicians near and far to spend the night in the Tin Shed, to take a respite, to record, to perform, to rehearse here,” last Tuesday after the council’s vote. “I’m so humbly grateful for your support I have just tears of joy in my heart. And to the Bay Saint Louis City Council thanks for listening to my heart.

The Bay Planning & Zoning Commission had approved the Tin Shed — also known as “The Musician’s Cottage” — as a dwelling unit in 2019, but later rescinded that decision.

In an Aug. 31 report to the council, city Zoning Administrator Jeremy Burke said that “Although the C-2 District does allow residential use such as single-family swellings, townhouse, duplexes in the C-2, it does not allow acces-

sory dwells by right. Accessory dwellings are only allowed with ‘Special Exception with Approval of City Council.’

“The request that is being made is for a (residential) accessory dwelling to be allowed to a commercial business. 303 Union Street operates ss the 1100 Men Hall and funcitons as a commercial business in Bay St. Louis. Therefore, granting this special exception will allow a commercial business to convert a permitted shed into a residential accessory dwelling.”

Dangermond roused the community to get the support needed to get the special exception to allow the 100 Men Hall to use it for short-term stays for musicians, scholars and artists.

In other action last week, the city council voted to authorize the administration to advertise for the Old Town Depot Revitalization construction project.

Last year, the city received \$1.5 million in funding from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (also known as “BP Money”), as well as a \$100,000 grant for improvements at the Depot train platform

in preparation for the revived Amtrak service along the Coast.

According to the funding request filed in 2019, “The historic L & N Train Depot is designated a ‘Mississippi Landmark,’ and currently houses the Hancock County Tourism,Bay St Louis Mardi Gras Museum, and Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum. This park area is utilized for art and music festivals. Located across from the depot is ‘Depot Row’ which has become a multi-use area incorporating residential and commercial units. The area needs additional restroom facilities and parking to accommodate the increase participation in art and music festivals. Similarly, the addition of an amphitheater would help support the local music community. The historic depot is also in need of interior updates and exterior repairs to include water proofing, parking and striping and ADA accessibility improvements.”

“The Bay St. Louis Depot is the pearl of the city,” Councilman-at-Large Gary Knoblock said at the time, and revitalizing the district was essential to the city.

Memorial Physician Clinics Welcomes Umair Shafique, MD

SEA COAST ECHO

Memorial Physician Clinics welcomes Umair Shafique, MD, in the practice of Internal Medicine at 835 Thames Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

Dr. Umair Shafique received his medical degree at Saba School of Medicine - Saba, Netherlands An-

tilles. He completed his internal medicine residency at Staten Island University Hospital, Staten Island, NY, and fellowship trained in Adult Cardiology at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Umair Shafique is board eligible in internal medicine. To schedule an appointment, call (228) 575-2383.

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HRC Foundation’s All Children - All Families (ACAF) program to improve the services they provide to the LGBTQ+ community, including children in foster care, 1 in 3 of whom are LGBTQ+, and prospective foster and adoptive parents. These organizations serve more than 1 million clients annually in 35 states and employ more than 24,000 employees.

Executive Director Cynthia Chauvin stated, “Supporting LGBTQ+ youth is an issue that demands the attention of anyone who cares about child safety and wellbeing. This is not a new commitment for us, but we hope to continue to deepen our commitment and make that evident through our policies, practices, and physical spaces. CASA of Hancock County aims to be open and welcoming for all people we work with and the youth we work for. We are proud to be recognized at the Solid Foundation for Inclusion level.”

“The third edition of our Change-Makers report shows that, despite the many hardships of the last year, more organizations than ever before are working alongside the Human Rights Campaign Foundation to make impactful change for the LGBTQ+ youth and families they serve,” said Alison Delp-ercio, Human Rights Campaign Foundation Director, All Children - All Families. “This year’s participants also demonstrated a growing commitment to intersectionality and ensuring organizational policies and practices do not reinforce the same systems of oppression that put youth and families at risk in the first place. By taking on these challenges, the change-makers featured in our 2021 report are

models for youth-serving professionals everywhere.”

The release comes at a time when many have been sounding the alarm about the particular risks foster youth face due to COVID-19. LGBTQ+ inclusion work in foster care systems could not be more important. Studies have shown us that LGBTQ+ youth are overrepresented in foster care, and that child welfare systems must do more to ensure that the trauma of foster care, where LGBTQ youth already face an increased risk of both negative experiences and outcomes, is never compounded by that caused by unsafe and non-affirming foster homes:

- Approximately 1 out of every 3 youth in foster care is LGBTQ+
- LGBTQ+ youth report higher rates of mistreatment while in care
- LGBTQ+ youth report more frequent placement disruptions
- LGBTQ+ youth report a higher likelihood of being placed in congregate care settings

The agencies featured in this report conducted an internal self-assessment, provided professional development to staff and implemented ACAF’s “Benchmarks of LGBTQ Inclusion,” which track policy and practice changes within agencies. The 2021 Change-Makers report features three “Tiers of Recognition,” which celebrate the progress agencies have made toward becoming fully welcoming to their LGBTQ+ clients. With 32 new participants this year, ACAF also expands the program’s reach into six new states -- Alabama, Connecticut, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico and North Carolina -- and the District of Columbia for the first time. 92% of participants met a tier of recognition, and 14 of the returning organizations advanced to

a higher tier of recognition.

- Innovative Inclusion: 44 organizations met all 25 applicable criteria and are going beyond to innovate their services for LGBTQ+ youth and families
- Solid Foundation for Inclusion: 40 organizations met all 25 applicable policy and practice criteria for LGBTQ+ inclusion
- Building Foundation for Inclusion: 25 organizations met foundational criteria, including non-discrimination protections

The report features profiles of four child welfare organizations that are setting the bar for LGBTQ+ inclusion while adapting to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic and responding to calls for an end to systemic racism -- including in child welfare: Vista Del Mar in California; Extraordinary Families in California; Texas Casa in Texas; and 360 Youth Services in Illinois. The report also features interviews with individuals who have been impacted by LGBTQ+-inclusive services, including: Manuel Padilla, a foster parent in Colorado; and Victoria, a former youth in care and now trainer at Lawrence Hall in Illinois.

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TIGERS CAGE BEARCATS



Photo by Maurice Singleton

Senior running back Noah Cutter rushed for 146 yards and four touchdowns in the first half to lead Bay High to a 54-21 win over Long Beach on Friday.

BY MAURICE SINGLETON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bay High's offense matched the intensity of their defense and the result was a 54-21 thrashing of Long Beach in Bay St. Louis on Friday.

Bay High's defense had been rock solid for at least seven of three quarters through the first two games, but on Friday it appeared that the offense had made a commitment to hold up its share of game responsibility. And the Tigers' offense came out clawing.

Freshman quarterback Xander Ladner got the Tigers' offense going early, throwing on their first two snaps, completing passes for 21 and 22 yards, softening the Bearcats' linebacker play in the process. Then

the Tigers' senior tailback Noah Cutter took over, carrying for two big gains, the first for 15 yards and two plays later for 16 yards and a touchdown.

And they were just getting started. The Tigers would score five more times before halftime, four touchdowns by the offense after the defense scored on an interception return.

Cutter added three more scores on runs of 47, 1 and 45 yards, totaling 146 rushing yards before halftime. Carmello Simpson added another score on a 79-yard carry.

"This week has been one hundred percent about the kids responding to a bad night last Friday and coming in and having the best week of practice, definitely

the best week of Labor Day practice that I've ever seen in twenty-one years," said Bay High coach Jeremy Turcotte. "It is totally attributed to how they practiced this week.

"They had an excellent week," said Turcotte. "They want to be good. They want to get better. We moved a couple of things around. We trimmed some things down, and let some guys focus on one side of the ball."

Senior Carson Moran, in his first game of the season, gave the Tigers their second score of the night. He picked off a Long Beach pass and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown with just under six minutes remaining on the first quarter clock.

"We got better the second he (Moran) stepped on the practice field," added Turcotte. "Carson is such a talented athlete; the kids got excited to see him back out there where he's supposed to be. It juiced up the defense. The defense had another stellar performance."

Moran also recovered a Bearcats fumble and tallied a tackle-for-loss, 3 assists and a pass knockdown.

The Tigers led 41-0 at halftime, and with the exception of one mistake, the Tigers maintained their intensity on both sides of the ball, allowing Turcotte to give playing time to inexperienced players midway through the third quarter.

Long Beach scored on their first possession of the second half following a fielding error by the Tigers on the second half kickoff, giving the visitors a short field at the Tigers' 20 yardline. The Bearcats needed only four snaps before their quarterback scored from one yard out.

And the Tigers responded. On their ensuing possession Ladner would complete three passes for 6, 14 and 49 yards, the latter to Cutter for a touchdown to bring the Tigers' lead to 47-7 midway through the third quarter.

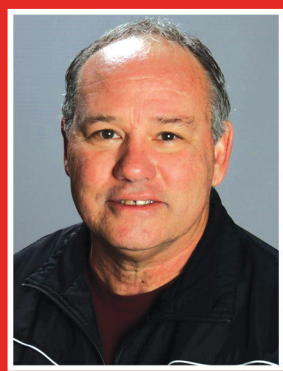
Both teams would score again on subsequent possessions. Sophomore Ayden Christophe would close out the Tigers' scoring on a 63-yard run in front of the visitors' sideline. Long Beach would close out the game's scoring on a 3-yard quarterback keeper with 1:53 remaining on the game clock.

Cutter finished with four rushing touchdowns and another touchdown on a pass reception. Lad-

ner completed eight of 14 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Tigers were led by Fisher DeCamp with 4 tackles, five assists and a tackle-for-loss. Larry Lee recorded two sacks and Terron Bedford, Roy Reyes, Lavanta Meadows and Hayden Hearty all recorded sacks.

The Tigers (2-1) play on the road at Purvis on Friday.



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SSC stopped by Crusaders 29-14

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws remain winless against the Crusaders of Pensacola Catholic following their 29-14 loss to the out of state school on Friday 'between the walls'.

The Rocks (1-1) held strong with the Crusaders for roughly 3 1/2 quarters of play before a couple of crucial mistakes forced their hand.

The Rocks struck first with an 8-yard scoring toss from Alex Fabra to Ja'Kobe Cameron with 6:22 left in the first quarter. Evan Noel converted the PAT to make the score 7-0.

The Crusaders got on the board on the next Rock possession when they sacked Fabra in the endzone to make the score 7-2. Pensacola Catholic took the lead with 41 seconds left in the first half on a 9-yard run by Koby Howard making the score 9-7 which stood until the 8:58 mark of the fourth quarter.

After a scoreless third quarter,, Ja'bril Rawls returned a punt 39 yards to put the Crusaders up 16-7.

On their next possession, Rawls scored from 18 yards out to push the score to 22-7 with 7:11 left to play.

Charles Nettles ended the Crusaders' scoring with a 5-yard run with 2:42 left to make the score 29-7.

SSC answered with a 19-yard scoring toss from Fabra to Jackson Montjoy with 58 seconds remaining in the game to make the final score 29-14 following Noel's PAT.

Fabra threw for 189 yards and two touchdowns on 19-for-27 passing. Davien Lagarde added 97 yards rushing on 22 carries while Cameron led the receivers with seven catches for 69

yards and a touchdown. On defense, the Rocks were paced by Lagarde with 10 tackles followed by Ryan Tyler with eight stops, a sack, and a quarterback hurry. Jacob Bradford added seven stops including 1.5 sacks and two pass breakups.

SSC head coach Nate Encrapera commented, "I thought our defense played really well tonight. Our biggest concern coming into the game was giving up the big play and we really didn't do that. We also stayed on schedule on offense maintaining time of possession, getting third and short situations, and others. We had a turnover that led to a score, a safety, and penalties continued to plague us. We can't be just good, we have to be perfect in our execution across the board. We have a big game against Pass Christian coming up this week. They will be ready to play us and we will need to match their intensity."

The Rocks are now 0-2 against Pensacola Catholic and are set to host Pass Christian on Friday, September 17, 'between the walls' at 7 p.m. The Pirates beat Purvis 41-14 last Friday night.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK #3

The Offensive Player of the Week for Week #3 is Bay High RB Noah Cutter who led Bay High against the the Long Beach Bearcats in a 54-21 victory. Cutter touched the ball seven times on offense and scored five touchdowns. In the game, Cutter rushed six times for 80 yards and 4 touchdowns and caught one pass for 49 yards and a touchdown.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK #3

The Defensive Player of the Week for Week #3 is DL Jacob Bradford who recorded seven total tackles including 1.5 sacks for a loss of 14 yards and two pass deflections in the Rocks 29-14 loss to Pensacola Catholic.

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Hurricane Ida did a number on us, but she was especially cruel to our neighbors in South Louisiana. Most of us here in south Mississippi remember what it was like after hurricane Katrina. It's tough, and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy.

What I remember most, more than the devastation, was how much it brought the community together. People from every direction, and all walks of life gave their all to help us get back on our feet.

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Shore Thing Fishing Report
BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER

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Many of our Mississippi guides, at some point in time, worked down in South Louisiana. Our guides work extremely well together, and are always happy to help a friend in need. EVERYONE is welcome here. Stay as long as you need. I can in full confidence say that your boats and customers will be very well taken of. We don't have a game plan on how we can do this, but I'm certain, together we will figure it out. We always seem to find a way.

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Hancock & OLA sweep the court

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The high school volleyball season is in full swing as the division races begin to heat up.

The Bay High Lady Tigers dropped their match with Pass Christian on Thursday 14-25, 25-23, 15-25, and 19-25. Scoring details were not available.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (6-3, 2-0) picked up two big wins over Gulfport and Biloxi last week.

On Tuesday, the Lady Hawks beat Gulfport in five games 25-14, 25-15, 23-25, 16-25, and 19-17.

Hancock was led by Hannah Lee with 19 assists and 2 aces followed by Anslee James with 3 kills, 10 assists, and 6 digs. Peyton Russell added 12 kills, 5 blocks, and 3 aces while Alexa Palmer contributed 17 kills, 3 blocks, 5 digs and an ace. MacKenzie Galbraith finished with 11 kills, 6 aces, and 9 digs while Nina Wedgeworth had 6 kills and a block.

On Thursday, Hancock topped Biloxi 26-24, 25-

13, and 25-20.

The Lady Hawks were led by Palmer with 10 kills, 7 digs and an ace followed by Russell with 13 kills, 5 blocks and 2 aces. James added 12 assists, 10 digs, and a kill and ace.

OLA (6-4, 3-0) beat both West Marion 25-7, 25-17, and 25-16 and Tylertown 25-2, 25-3, and 25-3 in division play.

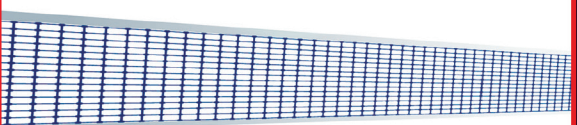
Against West Marion, OLA was paced by Ashley Bulot with 19 kills, 12 assists, 4 digs and an ace followed by Myah Favre with 11 kills. Laney Fletcher added 3 kills, 3 digs, and an ace while AnnaLaura Williford had 4 kills and 5 digs and Avery Matheson finished with 24 assists.

In the game against Tylertown, OLA was led by Bulot with 6 kills, 7 assists, and 3 aces followed by Julia Hoffman with 5 aces. Marley Kinniburgh had 4 aces and a kill while Favre finished with 3 kills. Williford added 3 kills and Matheson tallied 8 assists and 5 aces.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK





VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK #5

The Volleyball Player of the Week for Week #5 is OLA's Avery Matheson. Last week, Matheson helped lead OLA to division victories over West Marion and Tylertown. Against Tylertown, Matheson tallied 8 assists, 11 points, and 5 aces and against West Marion she tallied 24 assists.

Hancock blanks Greene County 37-0

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock Hawks (2-0) remained undefeated with a 37-0 thrashing of the Greene County Wildcats last Friday evening in Kiln.

Hancock accumulated 424 yards of total offense in the win including 253 yards on the ground.

Brandon King led the Hawks throwing for 166 yards on 12-for-20 passing and had two carries for 12 yards and a rushing touchdown.

Jeffrey Hopgood led the ground attack with six carries for 95 yards while Cameron Miller chipped in seven carries for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

Jasper Talley got in on the action with two car-

ries for 29 yards and a touchdown while Pierre Fowler added seven carries for 37 yards and a touchdown.

Todd Dedeaux led all receivers with four catches for 70 yards while Hopgood added three receptions for 60 yards.

Nathanial Greenroad led the Hawk defense with eight total stops including a sack and a fumble recovery.

Hancock set the tone early with back-to-back big plays by Cameron Miller who scored the Hawks' touchdown on a cut back play during their first possession.

Then, on their first defensive action, Miller stepped up and forced a fumble that was recov-

ered by the Hawks which allowed Hancock to go up 14-0 early.

Hancock head coach Neil Lollar stated, "I thought we executed our game plan very well, especially in the first half. We got off to a great start on both sides of the ball. Then, it just played out from there. This week we have Jackson-Lanier coming to play which is an opponent we have never played. We were set to play last year but that was upended due to COVID. They appear to be explosive with some size and speed. We will have to continue to set the tone early up front on both sides for us to be successful. This will be a big test for us this week and we are looking for-

ward to the challenge."

The Hawks will host Jackson-Lanier in a first ever matchup between the teams on Friday evening. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Hawk Stadium in Kiln.

BAY, HANCOCK, PASS ALL WIN ON GRIDIRON, PREVIEW OF THIS FRIDAY'S GAMES

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Last week saw three of the four area teams pick up a victory while Saint Stanislaus was the only team to drop their game,

The Bay High Tigers (2-1) prevailed once again with a 54-21 thrashing of Long Beach last Friday.

This week Bay High travels to Purvis to take on the Tornados who fell last week to Pass Christian 41-14. This game will be the 16th time the two teams have met with Purvis owning a slim lead in the series 8-7. Bay High won the last matchup in 2019 28-14.

The Hancock Hawks (2-0) shutout

Greene County 37-0 last Friday behind a ground game that amassed 253 yards rushing led by Cameron Miller with seven carries for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

This week Hancock will host Jackson-Lanier at Brett Favre Field in Kiln. Last week, Lanier fell to Provine 19-0. This will be the first ever meeting between the two schools.

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws (1-1) fell to Pensacola Catholic 29-14 last week.

This week the Rocks and the Pass Christian Pirates meet for the 46th time in history. SSC has a 24-19-2 lead in the series.



GAMES ON TAP



THURSDAY 9-16-21

- Volleyball: Bay High at Stone, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: Hancock at Gulfport, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: OLA vs Perry Central, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pass Christian vs Moss Point, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 9-17-21

- Football: Bay High at Purvis, 7 p.m.
- Football: Hancock vs Jackson-Lanier (Homecoming), 7 p.m.
- Football: Saint Stanislaus vs Pass Christian, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 9-18-21

- Cross Country: Hancock at Maroon Tide Invitational, TBD.
- Cross Country: Saint Stanislaus at Saltillo Invitational, TBD.
- Volleyball: Bay High, Hancock, OLA, Pass Christian at Gulfport Tournament, TBD.

TUESDAY 9-21-21

- Volleyball: Bay High at Moss Point, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: Hancock vs Biloxi, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: OLA at St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pass Christian vs Poplarville, 6:30 p.m.

• FINES

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Meetings Act via text, levying a \$500 fine.

Reed had texted the council to get several streets in his ward added to the street repair fund list.

Reed acknowledged at the time that he had communicated with council members via text, but did not realize it was a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Burrell's complaint against Knoblock alleges he communicated with other council members via email in May, July and September 2019, "and improperly moving to enter executive session on Sept. 3, 2019," according to the Ethics Commission report, but the commission determined only one of the complaints pointed out an actionable violation of the Open Meetings Act.

"In response," according to the report, "the council states that while these emails ... were sent to a quorum of council members, these emails were simply conveying acceptable one-way information to his fellow council members."

The commission determined

that "discussions or deliberations among a quorum of council members outside a noticed open meeting, whether physically or electronically assembled, can violate the Mississippi Open Meetings Act, when such deliberations concern matters over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power."

"In the current case, the council concedes that Councilman Knoblock sent an email on May 14, 2019 to three other council members. The last sentence of the email implores his fellow council members to 'assist Public Works Director and City Engineer in finding funding to ensure that (drainage) issues can be corrected.'

"The council's response explains that while Councilman Knoblock 'was not opening the floor for deliberation or prompting deliberation of an action item... Councilman Knoblock realizes and acknowledges that the last sentence of his email may be considered a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

"The council argues that Councilman Knoblock did not intend to violate the Open Meetings Act, but understands 'that the email could be interpreted that Knoblock was

persuading fellow councilman to vote on a budget that makes funding available for drainage issues.'"

The commission determined that "the content of the email messages goes beyond merely conveying information and should have been expressed at an open meeting."

"In contrast," the commission said, "there is insufficient evidence to determine that the email sent by Councilman Knoblock on July 8, July 24, July 26, August 5 and Sept. 16, 2019 ... violate the Open Meetings Act. The email sent on Sept. 16 2019 was not sent to any council members. However, the Ethics Commission cautions members of this council and all public bodies against sending one-way informational communications to a quorum because cumulative communications by several members of a public body might result in a quorum violating the Open Meetings Act."

Knoblock has 30 days to request a hearing to protest the commission's actions.

He said Tuesday that he had still not received communication from the Ethics Commission that it had determined he violated the Open Meetings Act.

• REEVES

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additional resources for the state's response, allow its system of care to continue to transfer patients to hospitals where

treatment is available, ensure expanded access to telemedicine, and keep options open for use of the Mississippi National Guard. Once again, there will be no lockdowns or statewide mandates.

• MSDH

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recommended for pregnant women," Dobbs said. "Please know, CDC, the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine, and the American College of OB/GYNs strongly support vaccination for pregnant women. This is something we can do to save multiple lives at one time."

Dobbs said that the state is seeing "ongoing" success in its vaccination efforts, with almost 1.5 million people — half the state — having received at least one dose.

Last week, Dobbs said, more than 50,000 doses of the vaccines was administered.

"But, we don't have near enough people in the state that are immune," he said. "Either because of natural infection or because of vaccination to keep us from having additional surges or to keep us from having additional outbreaks. So, please, if you are not immune, if you've not been vaccinated, please go ahead and get vaccinated. We know it's extremely safe. It's extremely effective and we're seeing more and more data that shows us how incredibly safe it is and we still know that the vast majority of our cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated."

Residents can call the Mississippi COVID hotline at 1-877-978-6453 or speak a physician about monoclonal antibody treatment if diagnosed with COVID-19. More information is also available at www.msdh.ms.gov/getmab.

Dobbs said that monoclonal antibody treatment is 80 to 90 percent effective at preventing hospitalization.

There is currently a standing state order that states a person does not

require a doctor's order to get monoclonal antibody treatment, Dobbs said.

He added that there are more than 180 locations around the state offering monoclonal antibody treatment.

Byers said that the recent pediatric death occurred in a child less than a year of age.

He said that while the state is seeing "stabilization" in the number of reported cases, there is still an increase in the number of deaths.

"We anticipate that we are going to see that for a short time," Byers said. "When you have a very large surge of cases like we've had, sadly the deaths follow 10 days to a couple of weeks after that. And so we may continue to see elevated numbers of deaths for a long while now. We're not out of the woods yet."

In August alone, Byers said, there were 93,000 cases reported and more than 1,000 deaths.

"Sadly, that number may grow as additional deaths are reported," he said. "And again, the overwhelming majority of cases and hospitalizations that we're seeing and the deaths that we're seeing are sadly in unvaccinated individuals. Remember that we have children less than the age of 12 that are not eligible for vaccination yet and so it's going to be important for us moving forward to make sure that we keep those children as safe as possible. Certainly, vaccination of those adults and those eligible members in the household is one of the best ways to keep the children safe."

Byers said that while the state is starting to see some decreases in numbers, the number of hospitalizations is still at "very high levels."

As of last Wednesday, the state reported more than 1,300 cases confirmed and hospitalized,

he said.

"Those are high numbers compared to where we were at our previous high over the winter surge," Byers said. "Still over 400 individuals who are in the ICU due to COVID, still over 300 individuals who are on the ventilator due to COVID, and, unfortunately, we are seeing an increased proportion of our cases in the hospital that are pediatric cases. We've seen a recent increase in August and September again of our pediatric hospitalizations. At last count, just a few days ago, we had 24 pediatric cases in the hospital."

In school settings, Byers said the state has provided schools with support, guidance, and access to testing and vaccinations to prevent transmission.

In its most current report — which includes data from 800 schools — Byers said that there has been a decline in the number of teachers, students, and staff in quarantine.

For the week of Aug. 30 through Sept. 3, 15,000 students were in quarantine, he said.

Craig said that there has been a "small" improvement in ICU bed availability around the state, but it continues to be "very scarce."

The COVID System of Care is still active and mandatory for all hospitals in the state for transferring critical care patients, he said. However, hospitals may now resume Tier 1 and Tier 2 elective surgeries that lead to overnight hospital stays as space becomes available.

Craig said that EMS services throughout the state remained "stretched thin covering 911 calls and patient transfers."

EMS services continue to report long wait times in hospitals and distance transfers, both of which impact avail-

ability of local units to respond to calls. EMS is also experiencing a lack of staffing.

"We did request additional resources to help with this from FEMA and last week, we received two advanced life support strike teams to assist with critical care transfers," Craig said. "Each strike team is comprised of five advanced life support ambulances and these units are being tasked through the COVID System of Care by Mississippi MedCom."

Craig said that hospital staffing remains a critical need, especially to free up and open ICU spaces.

"Currently, we have 1,167 staff that have been requested and more than 75 percent of that staff have been deployed to hospitals and more are being placed daily," he said.

Free COVID vaccination is available at all county health departments during normal days of operations. Residents are encouraged to schedule a free vaccination appointment ahead of time for quicker service. Same day appointments can also be made. Third-dose appointments are now available for those who are immunosuppressed. Appointments can be at www.covidvaccine.unc.edu. If someone is homebound and needs assistance getting to a vaccination can email covidhomebound@msdh.ms.gov or call the hotline at 1-877-978-6453.



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MDOT crews will be conducting a bridge inspection on the East Pearl River Bridge after Hurricane Ida. Crews will also be cleaning the bridge from debris.

On Monday, crews will be working westbound; on Tuesday, crews will be working eastbound.

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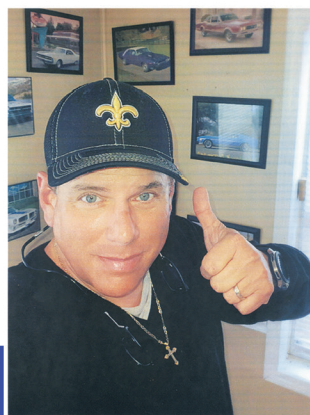
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